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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

Intelligence Community Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Secretary of Defense
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

FROM : [redacted]
Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT : [redacted] Program

1. I have been concerned with the need to improve
the DCI's coordination responsibilities regarding the

[redacted] program. [redacted]
[redacted] program has increased
in importance as part of overall Community efforts to
ensure responsiveness to the DCI's priorities and require-
ments for foreign intelligence. Actions sometimes involve
the establishment of new [redacted] sites or the
augmentation of existing ones. Final approval for detail-
ing personnel to [redacted] site rests with the MODE (Monitor-
ing of Overseas Direct Employment) organization established
under the National Security Council Under Secretaries
Committee.

2. Before a proposal for changes in personnel is
forwarded to MODE, actions are taken to determine, among
other things, whether there are valid requirements to sup-
port [redacted] site, who mans the site, what the "hearability"
is from the site, and what equipment is needed. In the past
such actions have been initiated unilaterally by the Central
Intelligence Agency (CIA), the National Security Agency (NSA),
or through bilateral agreement between these agencies.
Coordination was often effected with the Department of State
and, in some instances, with the ICS. The time has come for
a more uniform treatment of all such initiatives.

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X1 3. I believe that proposals for [] programs should be viewed in the context of what the total U.S. SIGINT System can contribute to the national intelligence need. In addition, a judgment should be made on the possibility of using alternative sources of information; e.g., human resources and/or photography. To assure the effectiveness of this process, I have, on behalf of the DCI, assumed a coordination responsibility for all proposals for changes in the [] [] program prior to involvement in the MODE process. The Chief, SIGINT Division, Office of Performance Evaluation and Improvement, will be my point of contact and will assist me in this endeavor.

/s/

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cc: Director, National Security Agency

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Would you review the attached and forward any comments/recommendations you feel appropriate to the DDCI.

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